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HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
 January Meeting Minutes

DATE: January 22, 2019
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Howard County Health Department
 8930 Stanford Blvd., Columbia, MD 21045

Members Present: Carlessia Hussein, Paul Nagy, Judith Chernoff, Erica Martin, Jill RachBeisel, Sheri Lewis, Matt Reber

Members Excused: Darryl Burnett, Deborah Rivkin, Gary Stewart

Staff: Maura Rossman, Health Officer, Antigone Vickery, Deputy Health Officer, Gloria Whittington, Administrative Assistant

Guest: Jeffrey Dannis

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action / Follow-up
Welcome and Introductions	Carlessia Hussein opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. For the new members an introduction around the table was done.	
Approval of Agenda	Motion to accept January BOH agenda. Unanimous approval.	See attached presentation.
Approval of Minutes	Motion to accept November BOH minutes. Unanimous approval. After corrections to the spelling of Jeffrey Dannis name (erroneously written as Daniels).	
New Business	<p><u>BOH Orientation</u></p> <p>Dr. Rossman conducted an orientation to the members. The orientation included information on the history of HCHD over the last 85 years (Video can be seen on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u86t5yQ8ySA)</p> <p>Dr. Rossman discussed: HCHD's focus on delivering the 10 essential public health services; local public health considerations (population numbers, poverty rates, uninsured, decreased State funding, rising health care cost, emerging health issues, shifting federal and state health priorities and policies along with competing community priorities and health disparities); Governance & Authority of the Health Department; Organizational Structure, Budget (\$25.1 million --50% from the County and 50% from the State); Performance Management at HCHD; Signature Programs and Programmatic Priorities; and BOH Officers, duties, and their functions.</p> <p>All were informed when meetings are held, location and always the 4th Tuesday of the month except July, August and December.</p>	

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<p>Health Officer Report</p>	<p>An orientation manual was compiled for each board member with reference materials. The book has five sections of documents. Section 1 is Governance: Membership, Bylaws, Howard County Code; Title 12, COMAR, Health General; Title 3, Small Manual for HC Boards and Commission on Open Meetings. Section 2: Public Health: HC Health Data Summary, HCHD Power Point 2018, 10 Essential Services, and Public Health 101 Power Point, Section 3: HCHD Programs and Services: HCHD Organizational Chart, List of each Bureau's information and what services they provide, 2016-2021 Strategic Plan & Progress Indicator and 2018-2020 LHIC Strategic Plan, Section 4 is for Inserts: HCHD 2018 Annual Report and HCHD General Brochure, Section 5 is for Miscellaneous Information: Meeting Agendas, Past Meeting Minutes, etc.</p> <p><u>Accreditation:</u> A PHAB briefing will be conducted for the BOH in February for the PHAB Accreditation site visit.</p> <p>HCHD has provided many presentation's to different groups as part of the transition to the new County Administration.</p> <p>Condoms distributed in HC High Schools: HCPSS announced that High Schools in Howard County will distribute condoms to students through the nurses in the health rooms free of charge. This is in response to the growing sexual health concerns among teens. Some concerns of looking at other ways for students to acquire condoms without being identified when they pick up condoms. Attached is a list of frequently asked questions on Condom availability and Educational Programs.</p> <p>Youth Suicide Prevention Plan: It was shared that there was another suicide over the weekend. The Department will soon launch the awareness campaign to increase awareness of this issue in our community.</p>	<p>Binders will be available for anyone absent.</p>

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Old Business	<p><u>BOH Composition</u></p> <p>There remains one vacancy for the BOH, the environmental position. This is hard to fill. BOH is unique in Howard County. It is a stand-alone Board separate from the County Council. In most other Counties, the BOH is also the County Council.</p> <p><u>For the Good of the Group:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheri Lewis informed the group of an event at Hopkins APL National Health Symposium in March. Covering topics in Research and Clinical Care. There is a registration fee for the symposium held in conjunction with NDIA. There has been good Media Coverage on this and there have not been any push backs. The information will be sent to Dr. Rossman electronically to distribute. • Many want condoms to be visible and request to put them in locations where children under age can obtain them without identifying themselves, and don't have to go to the health suite to get them. 	
	<p>Topics for future meetings: PHAB Accreditation Briefing – February 2019 Marijuana Grower – March 2019</p>	
Other Business		
Adjournment	<i>There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.</i>	

Next Board of Health Meeting: February 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Howard Co. Health Department 8930 Stanford Blvd. 1st Floor, Columbia, MD 21045